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Title: FILM FORMATION METHOD, SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT AND

METHOD THEREOF, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A DISK-

SHAPED STORAGE MEDIUM

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

- Application 61 pages, including 1 independent claim and 23 claims 1. total.
- Drawings 11 sheets of formal drawings containing 28 figures. 2.
- Declaration and Power of Attorney. 3.
- Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Kabushiki Kaisha 4. Toshiba.
- Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-127953, filed April 27, 5. 2000.
- Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-311124, filed October 6. 11, 2000.

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- 7. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 7 documents attached.
- 8. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. 2000-127953, filed April 27, 2000 and Japanese Application No. 2000-311124, filed October 11, 2000.

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Please accord this application a serial number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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